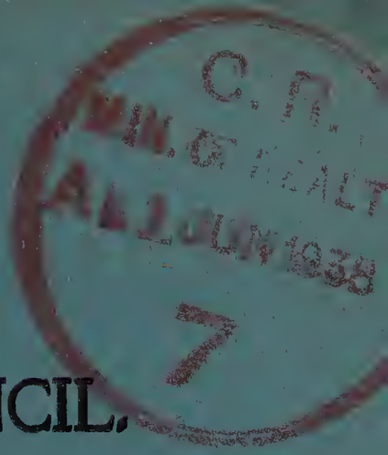
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Urban District Council of Trawden.

HEALTH COMMITTEE

YEAR 1937.

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TRAWDEN URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to submit for your consideration the Annual Report on the health of Trawden for the year 1937.

The year has been notable in that again no case of acute infectious disease was notified.

There was one death from Tuberculosis.

This year the Birth-rate stands at the very low figure of 8·1. Last year the corresponding figure was 10·4.

The death-rate is 15·0, which is 1·7 higher than last year, viz. 13·3.

The report is compiled in accordance with the Ministry of Health Circular 1650, dated 4th October, 1937.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area (in acres)	6,815
Population—Census 1931	2,549
Estimated 1937	2,322
Number of inhabited houses—Census 1931	807
" " " " 1937 (according to Rate Book)	812
Rateable Value	£9,861
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£37

VITAL STATISTICS.

		Total.	Male.	Female.	
Live Births	Legitimate	17	10	7	Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estim't'd resident population, 8·1
	Illegitimate	2	1	1	
	Total	19	11	8	
Still Births		1	1	Nil	Rate per 1,000 total births, 50·0
Deaths		35	17	18	Death-rate per 1,000 of the estim't'd resident population 15·0*

Deaths from puerperal causes :—

From Sepsis	Nil
From other puerperal causes	Nil
Total	Nil

Death-rate of infants under one year of age :—

All infants per 1,000 live births	Nil
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	Nil
Illegitimate „ „ illegitimate „ „	Nil
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	Nil
„ „ Whooping Cough (all ages)	Nil
„ „ Diarrhœa (under two years of age)	Nil
„ „ Cancer (all ages)	3

Population 2,322.	Per 1,000 of Estimated Population				Maternal Mortality Rate		Rate of Deaths under One Year per 1000 Live Births	
	Live Birth-rate	Crude Death rate	Death-rate from Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	Death-rate from Cancer	Per 1000 *Live* Births	Per 1000 *Total* (Live and Still) Births		
Mean of 5 yrs. 1932-36	9·1		13·5	0·32	1·78	7·40	6·89	63
Year—								
1936	10·4		13·3	0·41	2·09	Nil	Nil	40
1937	8·1		*15·0	0·43	1·29	Nil	Nil	Nil
Increase or decrease in 1937 on—								
5 yrs' av'r'ge, 1932-6	—1·0		+ 1·5	+ 0·11	—0·49	—7·40	—6·89	—63
Previous year	—2·3		+ 1·7	+ 0·02	—0·80	Nil	Nil	40

*1937 adjusted Death-Rate (comparability return 1·10)=16·5 per 1,000.

CAUSES OF DEATH, 1937 (Registrar General's Official Returns).

ALL Causes—Males 17, Females 18.

Cause of Death.	Males	Females
Appendicitis	0	0
Influenza	1	0
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System... ...	1	0
Other Tuberculosis	0	0
Cancer—Malignant Disease	2	1
Cerebral Hæmorrhage	1	1
Heart Disease	6	7
Other Circulatory Diseases	1	2
Pneumonia (all forms)	0	0
Bronchitis	0	1
Other Respiratory Diseases	1	0
Acute and Chronic Nephritis...	1	1
Other Diseases of Liver, etc....	1	0
Congenital Debility; Premature Birth Malformation	0	0
Senility...	0	1
Suicide	0	0
Deaths from Violence...	1	1
Other Defined Diseases	1	2
Diarrhœa (under two years)	0	0
Diabetes	0	1
Peptic Ulcer	0	0

Deaths of Infants under 1 year..	Total ...	0	0
	Legitimate	0	0
	Illegitimate	0	0
Live Births	Total ...	11	8
	Legitimate	10	7
	Illegitimate	1	1
Still Births	Total ...	1	0
	Legitimate	1	0
	Illegitimate	0	0

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

SMALL POX.—Jerusalem Farm, Colne, 1 bed.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.—Jerusalem Farm, Colne, 2 beds. The Council pay a retaining fee, and a proportionate cost for their patients under treatment. A Scheme for becoming a member of the Burnley Joint Hospital Board is nearing completion.

GENERAL.—The Hartley Hospital, Colne, 12 Male and 16 Female beds.

TUBERCULOSIS.—Sanitoria provided by the Lancashire C.C.

MATERNITY.—The Lancashire C.C. have arranged for Trawden patients to be admitted to the Christiana Hartley Maternity Home, Barrowford Road.

CHILDREN.—Ward in Hartley Hospital, 8 beds.

VENEREAL DISEASES.—The Lancashire C.C. have arranged for necessary treatment to be given at the Victoria Hospital, Burnley.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

FOR INFECTIOUS DISEASES.--The Colne Borough Horse Ambulance.

FOR ACCIDENTS AND NON-INFECTIOUS DISEASES.—The St. John Motor Ambulance.

CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.—A Clinic Staffed by the Lancashire C.C. is held in the Skipton Road Methodist Schoolroom every Wednesday, 2-4 p.m.

No other clinics are held in Trawden, but residents may attend the following, under arrangements made by the County Authorities:—

TUBERCULOSIS.—At Carr Road, Nelson.

Orthopædic.—At Carr Road, Nelson (under 14 years of age).

Venereal Diseases.—Victoria Hospital Burnley.

Legislation in Force.—The Public Health Act, 1936, came into force first day of October, 1937.

Staff of the Department.—Consists of a Medical Officer of Health (part-time), and a Sanitary Inspector. The latter is also your Surveyor and Water Manager.

Professional Nursing.—There is no arrangements for home nursing of infectious Diseases, but the services of the District Nurses, under the Hospital Scheme, are available for general nursing. Two midwives have been appointed during the year by the L.C.C.

The Supply of Food and Milk for expectant and nursing Mothers and Milk for Infants is arranged by the County Authorities.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES IN THE AREA.

Water Supply.—The water is obtained from springs and a boring in Boulsworth Hill, and is conveyed by pipe direct to the houses. It is of constant supply and water is of excellent quality; 700 houses and 88 other premises being supplied.

Pollution of Rivers and Streams.—These powers are under the Joint Board for the District.

Treatment of Sewage.—The scheme for the Treatment of Sewage from this District by the Colne Corporation is on the point of completion-

Closet Accommodation at end of 1937:—

Privy middens:—No. of middens, none.

No. of closets attached to these middens, none.

No. of pail closets, 253.

No. of dry ashpits, 264.

No. of movable ashbins, 380.

No. of houses on water carriage system, 429.

No. of fresh water closets, 304.

No. of waste water closets, 232.

CONVERSIONS:—

		During year	During five years 1932—6				
		1937	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936
No. of Privy closets	To fresh W.C's.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
	To Waste W.C's	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
	To pails, etc. ...	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
No. of pail closets	To fresh W.C's.	3	3	0	2	4	1
	To Waste W.C's	Nil.	0	0	0	0	0
No. of waste W.C's. to fresh W.C's...		1	0	0	1	0	3
No. of houses at which movable ashbins have been substituted for fixed receptacles		6	8	5	6	2	8

SCAVENGING is done by contract. House refuse is deposited in a disused quarry, whilst night soil is deposited on farm land.

SANITARY INSPECTION DURING 1937.

Number of premises visited		6
„ „ defects or nuisances discovered		2
Number abated by informal notice		2
Number of notices served	Informal	3
	Statutory	Nil

No legal proceedings were necessary.

No action was taken with regard to smoke abatement.

There are no offensive trades in the district.

There are no common lodging-houses, houses-let-in lodgings, tents vans or sheds, canal boats or underground sleeping rooms.

Workshops and workplaces were found to be in a very satisfactory condition.

The children are educated and cared for at the Council school under ideal conditions. The sanitary condition and water supply of the school are good. The medical inspection of the children is undertaken by the County Authorities.

HOUSING.

Number of new houses erected during the year:—

(*a*) Total, including numbers given separately under (*b*)	14
(i) By the Local Authority	14
(ii) By other Local Authorities	Nil
(iii) By other bodies and persons	Nil

(b) With state assistance under the Housing Act:—

(i) By the Local Authority	14
(ii) By other bodies or persons	Nil

I.—Inspection of Dwellinghouses during the year:—

(1) (*a*) Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 4

(*b*) The number of inspections made for the purpose 4

(2) (*a*) Number of dwellinghouses (including under subhead (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 Nil

(*b*) The number of inspections made for the purpose Nil

(3) Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation Nil

(4) Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation Nil

(2).—*Remedy of Defects during the year without Services of formal Notices*—

Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers 4

(3).—*Action under Statutory Powers during the year*:—

(A) Proceedings under Section 17, 18 and 23 of the Housing Act, 1930.

(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs:— ... —

(2) Number of dwellinghouses which were rendered fit after formal notices:—

(*a*) By owners... —

(*b*) By Local Authority in default of owners —

(B) Proceedings under Public Health Acts:—

(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied —

(2) Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:—

(*a*) By owners... —

(b) By Local Authority in default of owners —

(C) Proceedings under Sections 19 and 21 of the Housing Act, 1930:—

(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made —

(2) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders —

(D) Proceedings under Sec. 20 of the Housing Act, 1930:—

(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made —

(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit

Housing Act 1935—Overcrowding:—

(*a*) (i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year 1

(ii) Number of families dwelling therein 2

(iii) Number of persons dwelling therein 14

(*b*) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year None

(*c*) (i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year 1

(ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases ... 7

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Milk Supply.—No action was taken during the past year with regard to the administration of the various Acts and Orders.

There is one producer of designated milk.

Cowsheds and Milkshops are inspected periodically and their condition is not satisfactory.

Number of Dairy Farms	80
Approximate number of Cows	800
Number of Cowkeepers	80
„ on Register	47
„ of Inspections during year	Nil
„ of Milk Purveyors (*not* cowkeepers)	Nil
„ „ „ on Register ...	Nil

No action was taken re tuberculous milk and no samples were bacteriologically examined.

Meat, etc.—Butchers have a standard notice for slaughter; 6lbs. pig head was surrendered as unfit for human consumption,

Private Slaughterhouses.—Number registered, Nil. Number licensed, 3.

Bakehouses.—Three exist and are in good condition.

Adulteration.—Inspection under the Food and Drugs Acts are performed by the County Constabulary:—No samples were taken in Trawden last year.

Prevalence and Control over Infectious Diseases.—No case of Infectious Disease occurred during the year. Bacteriological Examinations are made at the Clinic Research Association Laboratory, London.

Specimens examined were:—Nil.

Disinfection.—One house was disinfected last year by means of sulphur candles.

No articles were disinfected at the Refuse Destructor Works, Colne.

Tuberculosis.—Two cases of the Pulmonary type were notified and two cases of Non-Pulmonary type.

No action was taken under the P.H. (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations 1925, or P.H.A. 1925 Section 62.

Maternity and Child Welfare.—A comprehensive scheme including Ante-Natal Work, Maternity Services, Welfare and Orthopædic Clinics and Consultant Service is operated by the Lancashire C.C.

Mr. A. Callam, F.R.C.S., of Burnley, acts as consultant under the Puerperal Pyrexia Regulations.

No cases of Ophthalmia Neonatorum occurred.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS.

INSPECTION OF FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES

Including Inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors or Inspectors of Nuisances.

Premises. (1)	Number of Inspections. (2)	Written Notices. (3)	Prosecutions. (4)
FACTORIES (Including Factory Laundries)	2		
WORKSHOPS (Including Workshop Laundries)	8		
WORKPLACES (Other than Outworkers' premises)			
TOTAL	10		

Particulars. (1)	Number of Defects. Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred to H.M. Inspector (4)	Number of Offences in respect of which prosecutions were instituted (5)
*Nuisances under the Public Health Acts :—**				
Want of cleanliness				
Overcrowding				
Want of ventilation				
Want of drainage of floors				
Other nuisances				
Sanitary accommodation — insufficient				
Sanitary accommodation — unsuitable or defective ...	0	0		
Sanitary accommodation — not separate for sexes ...				
Offences under the Factory and Workshop Acts:				
Illegal occupation of underground bakehouses (s. 101)				
Other offences (Excluding offences relating to outwork and offences under the Sections mentioned in the Schedule to the Ministry of Health (Factories and Workshops Transfer of Powers) Order, 1921).				
Total	0	0		

*Including those specified in sections 2, 3, 7 and 8 of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, as remediable under the Public Health Acts.

In concluding this Report, I wish to thank the Officials of the Council for their help, given willingly, in the making of this report, and the members of the Council for their support in the furtherance of the public health services.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

WILLIAM ALEXANDER.

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Trawden Forest,
Colne.

May, 1938.